



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Louisville, GA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Louisville was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in east-central Georgia, Louisville (population 2,680) was founded in 1786 and served as the state capital from 1796 to 1806. The region's industries included tobacco and cotton farming, which eventually were replaced by manufacturing. Today, one-third of the city's workforce is employed in the manufacturing industry. Louisville is predominately a minority community where two-thirds of residents are African-American. The poverty and unemployment rates in the city are 30 and 15.5 percent, respectively. The city has identified 19 brownfields with potential petroleum contamination along its main commercial corridors and in the down-



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Louisville for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct at least six Phase I and at least two Phase II environmental site assessments in the city's commercial corridors and downtown. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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town area. All but two of these sites formerly operated as service stations. Many are now abandoned or vacant lots. They pose potential threats to area residents and hinder the city's economic development efforts to create an attractive, historic downtown. Brownfields assessment is expected to help the community spur redevelopment that will generate new employment and revenue opportunities in the city.